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ABSTRACT:

A fault tolerant availability meter includes agents for stand-alone computers and each node of a cluster. The agents monitor availability with timestamps and report uptime and downtime events to a server. Additionally, agents on nodes of a cluster monitor cluster, node and package availability and cluster configuration changes and report these event to the server. Events are stored locally on the stand-alone computers and nodes, and additionally, on the server. Events are tracked with a sequence numbers. If the server receives an out-of-sequence event, an agent-server recovery procedure is initiated to restore the missing events from either the agents or the server. The server may generate availability reports for all monitored entities, including one or more stand-alone computers and one or more clusters of computers. Availability is distinguished by planned and unplanned downtime. Furthermore, unavailable and unreachable systems are identified.

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ART-UNIT: 239

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ABSTRACT:

An advanced electronic alert system for monitoring computer network(s), environment, security and the status of tasks being processed by a computer. The system stores voice recorded and text alert messages on computer readable magnetic media; automatically dials designated persons when alert situation(s) are detected; and then replays the applicable recorded voice alert message(s) once an alert call has been completed. Alternatively, alert messages may be transmitted by the system using phone dialing tones, in those cases where an alert call is placed to a digital device, such as a pager. The system issues automatic alert warnings to one or more designated persons when main electrical power fails or is restored; the temperature becomes too hot or too cold; a loud sound is detected, such as that produced by a smoke detector, fire alarm, etc.; a central network computer/file server fails; an intruder and/or water has been detected; main and/or backup power fails; a computer software program fails and/or is successfully completed; or a microprocessor based computer used as part of the system fails.

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